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UTAH'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER TO RECEIVE AWARD

A champion of heritage preservation and heritage tourism will receive the "Preservation of American Folk Art Award" which will be presented during the Evening Concert of "FRONTIER FEST 2007" at Gardner Village on June 9. Wilson Martin, Utah's State Historic Preservation Officer, will be honored for his lifetime work and dedication to the identification and preservation of our cultural and heritage resources. Through his work, history is being told and experienced thus enhancing the public's quality of life and sense of community.

Co-founder and current chair for the Four Corners Heritage Council, Mr. Martin also serves on the board of This Is The Place Foundation, Heritage Highway 89, the National Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area and the Golden Spike Downtown Heritage Area. He has been asked to testify before the U.S. Congress on four different occasions regarding National Historic Preservation laws and Heritage Areas relating to historic preservation in Utah and has co-authored or written legislation for the National Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area, the Great Basin Heritage Area, the San Rafael Swell Heritage Area and the Trail of the Ancients Heritage Area.

A forerunner of heritage education, Mr. Martin laid out the vision and was the first chair of the Traditional Building Skills Institute at Snow College which is internationally recognized as the premier program of its kind in the world. His writings on heritage preservation have appeared in over 17 popular and scholarly publications as well as web publications.

This year, Mr. Martin was instrumental in creating the newly founded Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts, a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to cultivating and preserving early Utah pioneer era heritage arts.

'FRONTIER FEST' and 'The Preservation of American Folk Art Award' is sponsored by CLOG AMERICA, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of American Folk Art.

FRONTIER FEST 2007 QUICKFACTS:

Saturday, June 9. 2007
The Gathering Place at Gardner Village
1100 West 7800 South, West Jordan
10 AM-1 PM Bluegrass Showcase
2 PM-5 PM Traditional Barn Dance
6:30 PM Evening Concert Pre-Show
7:30 PM Nathan McEuen Trio in Concert
Ticketing information:

www.Smithstix.com and www.clogamerica.org